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Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 21

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Paradise Spring to hold annual meeting, soup supper

Paradise Spring will hold its annual meeting and soup supper carry-in at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the multi-purpose room of the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St. The meal is free but reservations are appreciated and should be made by Monday, Jan. 20. For more information, call 260-571-2879.

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Lafontaine man fatally struck by a bus

The crash happened at approximately 7:03 p.m. Sunday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Officers from the Indiana State Police (ISP) and the Wabash County Sheriffs Department responded to a vehicle-pedestrian crash at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19, on Indiana 15 near Wabash County Road 500 North, stated Sgt. Tony Slocum, ISP public information officer, in response to a Plain Dealer request Monday. A Plain Dealer request for more information from Wabash County Sheriff Ryan

Baker was referred to the ISP. The preliminary crash investigation by ISP Trooper Jeremy Perez revealed that Cindy Bowsher, 49, Spencerville, Ohio, was driving a 2005 MCIN charter bus southbound on Indiana 15 near County Road 500 North.

James D. Gulley, 41, Lafontaine, was walking on Indiana 15 when he was struck by the bus, according to Slocum. "It is yet to be determined if Gulley was in the road or walking on the shoulder," stated Slocum. Gulley was pronounced deceased at the scene. Bowsher, nor any passengers on the bus, were injured.

Bowsher was driving for Buckeye Charter Service. A second charter bus was called to the scene to offload the passengers. Perez was assisted by ISP Trooper Matt Moon. The crash is still under investigation. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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COMPOSERS: The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8.

Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

Each selected composer will receive an audio recording

By ANNE GREGORY

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is Monday, March 23.

"This is an opportunity for young composers to submit their work to be included in the workshop," said Associate Professor Tim Reed, department chair. "It will include a reading session in which music faculty performers will read the compositions and work with the composers." Each selected composer will receive an audio recording of their work.

The instrumentation for this year's session is flute, violin, cello, saxophone and piano. Composers may submit work for any combination of these instruments, including solo, duet, trio, quartet or the entire group. Arrangements of existing works will be considered, with priority given to original compositions. Send submissions to Reed

at tmreed@manchester.edu. Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email. Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

State's infant mortality rate shows largest decrease in six years

Rate stood at 6.8 per 1,000 babies in 2018, down from 7.3 in 2017

By STAFF REPORT

Indiana's infant mortality rate fell at the highest rate in six years, with the black infant mortality rate declining nearly 16 percent and the rate for Hispanic infants declining nearly 20 percent in 2018, according to a press release. Data from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) show 559 Indiana babies died before the age of 1 in 2018, down from 602 in 2017. The overall infant mortality rate stood at 6.8 per 1,000 babies in 2018, down from 7.3 in 2017. "Indiana has been investing heavily in improving health outcomes for moms and babies as we work toward Governor Holcomb's goal of having the lowest infant mortality rate in the Midwest by 2024," stated Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, state health commissioner.

"It's heartening to see those efforts pay off so that more Hoosier babies can celebrate their first birthdays." The 2018 infant mortality rates for non-Hispanic white infants met the Healthy People 2020 goal of 6.0 per 1,000, while the rate for Hispanic infants fell to 6.1. The non-Hispanic black infant mortality rate fell from 15.4 to 13.0. While encouraged by an across-the-board decrease, Box stated the state will continue to work with partners to address persistent racial disparities. Box stated the state's new OB Navigator program will help those efforts by providing personalized guidance and support to women in the 20 counties at the highest

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White's Residential says ex-employee quit during investigation

Charles G. Marseilles Jr., Wabash, charged with child sex felonies

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A White's Residential and Family Services Facility employee who has now been charged with child sex felonies quit his job last month during an investigation, according to a representative for the facility. A criminal investigation by Indiana State Police (ISP) Det. Josh Maller resulted in the arrest Wednesday of Charles G. Marseilles Jr., Wabash, according to Sgt. Tony Slocum, public information officer. "Our primary focus has been and always will be the safety and well-being of teens in our care," stated Denae Green, director of engagement, in response to a Plain Dealer request Monday. "Upon learning of this matter, our team immediately contacted the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) and began consulting with law enforcement. Concurrently, the employee in question

was suspended and forbidden from being on campus pending the outcome of an investigation. The employee resigned during the investigation. We will continue to assist law enforcement officials in whatever way we can." Maller started an investigation after receiving information from the Wabash County Division of DCS that Marseilles, a now former campus life specialist at White's Residential and Family Services Facility, "allegedly performed sexual acts on a 16-year-old resident of the facility" in December 2019, according to Slocum. Maller served Marseilles with a Wabash Circuit Court arrest warrant alleging felony charges for child solicitation by a child care worker for sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct with a child and child solicitation by a child care worker engaged in fondling or touching of a child 16 to 17 years of age.

According to court records, Wabash Circuit Court set the bond Wednesday at \$10,000 surety and \$250 cash. At Thursday's initial appearance before Judge Robert McCallen, Marseilles and his attorney, Bridget Nicole Foust, pled not guilty. The trial dates of 8:30 a.m. June 2 and 3 were set. A pretrial conference was set for 1 p.m. May 4. "As a condition of bond, the defendant is to have no direct or indirect contact with the alleged victim herein," stated the court. Maller was assisted in this investigation by ISP Det. Mike Lorona and the Wabash County Prosecutors Office. "All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law," stated Slocum. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Fires set stage for irreversible forest losses in Australia

By **MATTHEW BROWN**
and **CHRISTINA LARSON**
Associated Press

Australia’s forests are burning at a rate unmatched in modern times and scientists say the landscape is being permanently altered as a warming climate brings profound changes to the island continent.

Heat waves and drought have fueled bigger and more frequent fires in parts of Australia, so far this season torching some 40,000 square miles, an area about as big as Ohio.

With blazes still raging in the country’s southeast, government officials are drawing up plans to reseed burned areas to speed up forest recovery that could otherwise take decades or even centuries.

But some scientists and forestry experts doubt that reseeded and other intervention efforts can match the scope of the destruction. The fires since September have killed 28 people and burned more than 2,600 houses.

Before the recent wildfires, ecologists divided up Australia’s native vegetation into two categories: fire-adapted landscapes that burn periodically, and those that don’t burn. In the recent fires, that distinction lost meaning – even rainforests and peat swamps caught fire, likely changing them forever.

Flames have blazed through jungles dried out by drought, such as Eungella National Park, where shrouds of mist have been replaced by smoke.

“Anybody would have said these forests don’t burn, that there’s not enough material and they are wet. Well they did,” said forest restoration expert Sebastian Pfautsch, a research fellow at Western Sydney University.

“Climate change is happening now, and we are seeing the effects of it,” he said.

High temperatures, drought and more frequent wildfires – all linked to climate change – may make it impossible for even fire-adapted forests to be fully restored, scientists say.

“The normal processes of recovery are going to be less effective, going to take longer,” said Roger Kitching, an ecologist at Griffith University in Queensland. “Instead of an ecosystem taking a decade, it may take a century or more to recover, all assuming we don’t get another fire season of this magnitude soon.”

Young stands of mountain ash trees – which are not ex-

pected to burn because they have minimal foliage – have burned in the Australian Alps, the highest mountain range on the continent. Fire this year wiped out stands reseeded following fires in 2013.

Mountain ash, the world’s tallest flowering trees, reach heights of almost 300 feet and live hundreds of years. They’re an iconic presence in southeast Australia, comparable to the redwoods of Northern California, and are highly valued by the timber industry.

“I’m expecting major areas of (tree) loss this year, mainly because we will not have sufficient seed to sow them,” said Owen Bassett of Forest Solutions, a private company that works with government agencies to reseed forests by helicopter following fires.

Bassett plans to send out teams to climb trees in parts of Victoria that did not burn to harvest seed pods. But he expects to get at most a ton of seeds this year, about one-tenth of what he said is needed.

Fire is a normal part of an ash forest life cycle, clearing out older stands to make way for new growth. But the extent and intensity of this year’s fires left few surviving trees in many areas.

Already ash forests in parts of Victoria had been hit by wildfire every four to five years, allowing less marketable tree species to take over or meadows to form.

“If a young ash forest is burned and killed and we can’t resow it, then it is lost,” Bassett said.

The changing landscape has major implications for Australia’s diverse wildlife. The fires in Eungella National Park, for example, threaten “frogs and reptiles that don’t live anywhere else,” said University of Queensland ecologist Diana Fisher.

Fires typically burn through the forest in a patchwork pattern, leaving unburned refuges from which plant and animal species can spread. However, megafires are consuming everything in their path and leaving little room for that kind of recovery, said Griffith University’s Kitching.

In both Australia and western North America, climate experts say, fires will continue burning with increased frequency as warming temperatures and drier weather transform ecosystems.

The catastrophic scale of blazes in so many places offers the “clearest signal yet” that climate change is driving

fire activity, said Leroy Westerling, a fire science professor at the University of Alberta.

“It’s in Canada, California, Greece, Portugal, Australia,” Westerling said. “This portends what we can expect – a new reality. I prefer not to use the term ‘new normal’... This is more like a downward spiral.”

Forests can shift locations over time. However, that typically unfolds over thousands of years, not the decades over which the climate has been warming.

Most of the nearly 25,000 square miles that have burned in Victoria and New South Wales has been forest, according to scientists in New South Wales and the Victorian government.

By comparison, an average of about 1,600 square miles of forest burned annually in Australia dating to 2002, according to data compiled by NASA research scientist Niels Andela and University of Maryland research professor Louis Giglio.

Unlike grasslands, which see the vast majority of Australia’s huge annual wildfire damage, forests are unable to regenerate in a couple of years. “For forests, we’re talking about decades, particularly in more arid climates,” Andela said.

Most forested areas can be expected to eventually regenerate, said Owen Price, a senior research fellow at the University of Wollongong specializing in bushfire risk management. But he said repeated fires will make it more likely that some will become grasslands or open woodlands.

Price and others have started thinking up creative ways to combat the changes, such as installing sprinkler systems in rainforests to help protect them against drought and fire, or shutting down forested areas to all visitors during times of high fire danger to prevent accidental ignitions.

Officials may also need to radically rethink accepted forest management practices, said Pfautsch, the researcher from Western Sydney.

That could involve planting trees in areas where they might not be suitable now but would be in 50 years as climate change progresses.

“We cannot expect species will move 125 miles to reach a cooler climate,” said Pfautsch. “It’s not looking like there’s a reversal trend in any of this. It’s only accelerating.”

Northern Indiana county seeks to overturn dam repairs ruling

PERU (AP) — A northern Indiana county is seeking to overturn a court ruling that puts it on the hook for costly repairs to six aging dams in a lake-filled subdivision.

Miami County is challenging a Marion County judge’s August ruling which found that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources had the authority to require property owners and Miami County to fix the dams at the Hidden Hills subdivision. That judge also found that Miami County was fully responsible for those repairs.

But Miami County has asked the Indiana Court of Appeals to overturn that

decision, which could leave it saddled with hundreds of thousands of dollars of repairs, the Kokomo Tribune reported.

The county wrote in a brief that the subdivision’s property owners should share the burden of fixing the dams since the lakes created by them are only used by residents for their “own private pleasure.” That court filing also notes that the homes’ waterfront views have raised their property values.

“The County, by contrast, gains no benefit from the dams,” the brief states. “It maintains roads. It does not matter whether those

roads traverse dams or the ground.”

Residents of the Hidden Hills subdivision, in turn, asked the Court of Appeals in their brief filed this month to uphold the Marion County judge’s ruling that requires the county to fix the dams.

Attorney Anthony Spahr, who represents over 30 of the subdivision’s homeowners, wrote that the county has had the means and authority to make improvements to the dams for years because the county has been maintaining roads on top of the structures, but chose not make those improvements.

help them have a healthy pregnancy and support them after their baby is born.”

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/laboroflove/>.

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risk of infant mortality during their pregnancies and for six to 12 months after their babies are born. The home visiting program, which was part of Gov. Eric Holcomb’s agenda in 2019, formally launched in Allen County this week and will expand to 19 other counties in 2020.

“Every baby deserves a chance to grow and thrive,” Box stated. “The new OB Navigator program that is launching in the areas of the state at highest risk for infant mortality includes specific strategies to help connect at-risk women with community resources to

Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 17- Thursday, January 23
All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

Bad Boys for Life (R) Fri: 6:50, 9:40 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40 Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	Like a Boss (R) Fri: 7:10, 9:15 Sat: 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:15 Sun: 1:50, 4:35, 7:10 Mon- Thurs: 7:10	Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13) Fri: 6:30, 9:20 Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20 Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30 Mon- Thurs: 6:30
Dolittle (PG) Fri: 7:00, 9:30 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00 Mon- Thurs: 7:00	Underwater (PG13) Fri: 6:40, 8:55 Sat: 1:20, 4:05, 6:40, 8:55 Sun: 1:20, 4:05, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:51 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:06 a.m.

New 1/24	First 2/1	Full 2/9	Last 2/15

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 30°, humidity of 58%. West southwest wind 3 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 23°. South wind 3 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 14°. Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 34°, humidity of 53%.

Carpal tunnel syndrome can be treated by lifestyle changes

DEAR DOCTOR: After knitting, I sometimes get tingles in my right hand, and my doctor thinks it might be the start of carpal tunnel syndrome. What can I do to prevent it?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



Carpal tunnel syndrome arises due to the health problems mentioned earlier, those should be addressed first. If the condition begins to develop due to overuse of the hands and wrists, lifestyle changes can be helpful.

Pay attention to wrist position while knitting and during the day. Keep your wrists in a neutral position and avoid extreme bending. You may have to change how you perform certain tasks, including your knitting technique. Some people find it helpful to wear wrist splints, which promote optimal hand position and minimize pressure on the median nerve. Take frequent breaks during any activities that involve the hands and wrists. Never rest wrists on hard or sharp surfaces, like the edge of a desk or a table. When us-

ing a keyboard or mouse, adjust seat height so wrists don’t have to flex. Gentle stretching and gentle massage, the use of cold to reduce swelling, and over-the-counter pain relievers can help. Recent studies have shown acupuncture to be clinically effective in reducing physical symptoms and improving grip strength. If your symptoms continue or become worse, please see your doctor.

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Donald W. ‘Doc’ Baer
Oct. 23, 1930 – Jan. 17, 2020



Donald W. “Doc” Baer, 89, of rural Wabash, Indiana, passed away peacefully, at 5:47 a.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. He was born Oct. 23, 1930 in Wabash, to Glen and Emma L. (Higgle) Baer. Doc married Willamae Wearly in LaFontaine, Indiana on June 21, 1950; she died Jan. 27, 2002. He was a graduate of Linlawn High School. Doc worked several jobs to provide for his large family. He worked at General Tire, trucked eggs for Kroger Egg, and delivered propane for Urbana LP Gas, Emro, as well as Thermogas. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother. He was also a special “Uncle Doc” to several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Richvalley United Methodist Church. Doc also belonged to the Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge, and the Fraternal Order of the Police, all of Wabash. He enjoyed making goodies for everyone, fishing, mushroom hunting, camping, but most of all spending time with his loved ones. He is survived by five children, Ron (Rhonda) Baer of Wabash, John (Theresa) Baer of Urbana, Indiana, Rex (Pat) Baer of Wabash, Kevin (Jolene) Baer of Urbana, and Teresa Miller of Wabash, daughter-in-law, Kitty Baer of Urbana, son-in-law, Eric (Michelle) Sinclair of Peru, Indiana, 17 grandchildren, Troy (Stacy) Baer, Ty (Kim) Baer, Tracy (Nathan) Trump, Eric (Jenny) Baer, Lisa Curry, Vince Baer, Mallory (Bobby) Lynn, Ashley (Nate) Ledford, Emily (Steve) Myers, Nathan (Shelby) Baer, Tiffany (Bill) Brewer, Jared (Amy Lynn) Miller, Storm (Kaelea) Sinclair, Brad (Jami) Metzger, Brandy

(Matt) Bell, Austin (Shelby) Sluss, and Rhys Sinclair, 36 great grandchildren, McKenzie, Jayden, Teagan, Toby, Tyson, Karmyn, Ava, Parker, Ethan, Audrey, and Bryson Baer, Kennedy, Chace, and Kelby Curry, Connor and Lacy Trump, Brock, Reid, and Lakin Ledford, William, Kaitlyn, and Kylie Brewer, Bella and Jentri Myers, Ava, Alexis, and Abby Lynn, Gracelyn and Weston Miller, Willa Sinclair, Caleb, Gabe, and Laney Bell, Marissa, Keaton, and Kyleigh Metzger, and Doc’s sister, Patty Sue Sausaman of Wabash. He was also preceded in death by his parents, son, Dallas Baer, daughter, Janelle Sinclair, son-in-law, Duane Miller, granddaughter, Vanessa Baer, and two sisters, Peggy L. Bever and Phyllis J. Hawkins. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., with Briarlan Chamberlain officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. The memorial guest book for Doc may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Norman Lee ‘Bud’ Donaldson

Funeral services for Norman Lee “Bud” Donaldson, are 10 a.m. Tuesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial in Matlock Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation 3-7 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Brandy Michole Hernandez

Funeral services for Brandy Michole Hernandez are 2 p.m. Thursday, Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 12:30-2 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Billy Joe Price

Funeral services for Billy Joe Price, are 10:30 a.m. Thursday, at Treaty Church of Christ. Burial in Murphy Cemetery, Wabash County. Visitation 9:30-10:30. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

2 Indiana counties become latest to end library late fees

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — Libraries in two southern Indiana counties are the latest in the state to stop fining patrons for overdue items. The Owen County Public Library’s trustees voted last month to end overdue fines on Jan. 1, and last week the Monroe County Public Library’s trustees voted both to end overdue fines and cancel patrons’ past debt. Both counties had charged 25-cent daily overdue fines, although they had eliminated fines for overdue children’s books years ago, The Herald-Times reported. Monroe County library employee Chris Jackson said administrators looked into the practices of “libraries large and small” before deciding to drop the remaining overdue fines.

“We learned from other fine-free libraries patrons will return things,” Jackson said. The Owen County Public Library’s director, Ginger Kohr, said her staff and board had been urging her to drop overdue fines. She decided the time had come after seeing that libraries from Martinsville to Chicago had dropped fines. Kohr said the revenue from overdue fines had amounted to about \$6,000 a year that was sent to a fund for unexpected expenses. The Monroe County Public Library collected about \$79,000 in overdue fines last year. Jackson said the amount of staff saved by not dealing with overdue fines will mitigate the revenue loss.

James Dean revival spurs debate on raising the digital dead

By **ANDREW DALTON** and **MATT KEMP**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The men bringing James Dean back to life for a forthcoming film are aiming not just to give his digital likeness a role, but a whole new career. Dean’s planned appearance in the Vietnam War movie “Finding Jack,” and the possibility of future parts, comes as digital de-aging and duplication of real actors has tipped from cinematic trick into common practice. And it’s giving new life to old arguments about the immortality and dignity of the dead. “Our intentions are to create the virtual being of James Dean. That’s not only for one movie, but going to be used for many movies and also gaming and virtual reality,” said Travis Cloyd, CEO of Worldwide XR, who is leading the design on the Dean project. “Our focus is on building the ultimate James Dean so he can live across any medium.” Legally, they have every right to do it, via the full agreement of the Dean estate and his surviving relatives. “Our clients want to protect these valuable intellectual property rights and the memories that they have of their loved ones,” said Mark Roesler, CEO of CMG Worldwide, the legal and licensing company that has long owned the title to Dean’s likeness. “We have to trust them. ... They want to see that their loved one’s image and memory continues to live on.” Dean is an obvious candidate for revival with his embodiment-of-Hollywood image and the brevity of his life and career — he died at

24 and made just three films: “East of Eden,” “Rebel Without a Cause” and “Giant.” Roesler and Cloyd have not obtained the rights from Warner Bros. to use footage from those films, but they have a large trove of photos and Dean’s dozens of TV roles. “There are thousands of images that we do have to work with,” Cloyd said. “What we typically do is we take all those images and videos and we run them through machine learning to create that asset.” That will be added to the work of a stand-in actor using motion-capture technology as commonly done now with CGI characters, along with the overdubbed voice of another actor. The announcement of the role last year caused a quick backlash, with responses like that of “Captain America” star Chris Evans on Twitter: “Maybe we can get a computer to paint us a new Picasso. Or write a couple new John Lennon tunes. The complete lack of understanding here is shameful.” “I think there’s definitely something cynical and what feels like a little bit distasteful about bringing especially long-dead actors back to life,” said Terri White, editor-in-chief of film magazine “Empire.” “The reaction to the likes of the James Dean news has actually shown that I think most people don’t really want that.” For the people behind the Dean project, the negative reaction is as inevitable as they believe the eventual acceptance will be. Cloyd foresees a Hollywood where even living actors have a “digital twin” that helps in their work. “This is disruptive tech-

nology,” Cloyd said. “Some people hear it for the first time and they get shaken by it. But this is where the market is going.” The revival of the dead, often done clumsily, has been happening for much of Hollywood’s existence. Footage of Bela Lugosi, combined with a double holding a cape over his face, was used in 1959’s “Plan 9 From Outer Space,” released after the horror star’s death. Bruce Lee’s film “Game of Death,” left unfinished before his 1973 death, was completed using doubles and voice overdubs and released five years later. “The Fast and the Furious” star Paul Walker died in 2013 before shooting was done on “Furious 7.” His two younger brothers and others acted as stand-ins so his scenes could be finished. Even Lennon, and many other dead historical figures, were digitally revived in 1994 in “Forrest Gump.” But the technology of recreation and resurrection has taken a major leap forward in quality and prestige, with the extensive de-aging and re-aging used in Martin Scorsese’s “The Irishman”; a young Will Smith digitally returning to play opposite the current version in last summer’s “Gemini Man”; and Carrie Fisher, whose younger self briefly returned digitally in 2016’s “Star Wars: Rogue One” and appeared again after her death, in “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker.” These instances have elicited scattered skepticism — both of the quality of the technology and the propriety of the revivals — but audiences have largely accepted them. Guy Williams, visual ef-

fects supervisor at filmmaker Peter Jackson’s Weta Digital, said the possibilities do offer a moral dilemma. “The question isn’t so much if you use somebody’s likeness to bring them back or to create a digital version of them, it’s what you do with it and the respect that you show to it,” Williams said. “So that, to me, is the more important question.” Pablo Helman, the visual effects supervisor behind the de-aging of Robert De Niro and others in “The Irishman,” said he considers that moral dilemma in his work. “The main question that you need to ask yourself is why do it?” Helman said. “You know, just because you can do it doesn’t mean you should, you know? That would be one thing that I’m always questioning: Is it in service of the story?” Ethical considerations are likely to give way to market forces if viewers decide they find digital versions of dead actors plausible, and palatable. “I think the moral question is going to be decided by the audiences and society, whether they want to see that,” said Bill Westenhofer, visual effects supervisor on “Gemini Man.” Dean will be playing a supporting role in “Finding Jack,” which is now in pre-production. The limited screen time is, at this point, as far as those recreating him want to go. But they hope the digital avatar can eventually carry a movie, possibly even playing James Dean himself at different ages. “At some point there’s going to be the James Dean biopic,” Cloyd said. “I think the technology is not necessarily there today to take the risk.”

MLK Day: Faith, politics mix on holiday

By **JEFF AMY**
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ATLANTA — Monday’s Martin Luther King Jr. holiday found leaders still wrestling over his contested legacy against the backdrop of a presidential election year. Republicans told a sometimes cool crowd at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta that they were honoring King’s civil rights legacy of service and political empowerment. But Democrats found more favor by highlighting the ways they said the current political and social order calls for more radical action in line with King’s principles. Monday’s speeches at King’s onetime church were just one slice of the political struggle in Georgia, where Democrats believe they can make further inroads in the Republican controlled state, aided by diverse in-migration and a suburban backlash against President Donald Trump. Up for re-election this year, Trump sought to stamp his own mark on the commemoration. He didn’t appear at any events, but sent a tweet noting that it was the third anniversary of his inauguration. “So appropriate that today is also MLK jr DAY. African-American Unemployment is the LOWEST in the history of our Country, by far. Also, best Poverty, Youth, and Employment numbers, ever. Great!”

Black unemployment has reached a record low during the Trump administration, but many economists note economic growth since 2009 has driven hiring. The most dramatic drop in black unemployment came under President Barack Obama. Despite economic success, polls find most African American voters regard Trump with distaste. In Atlanta, Republican U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, appointed earlier this month by Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, said her upbringing on an Illinois farm was touched by King. “Dr. King’s call to service, to sacrifice, to put others first, it shaped our home and inspired us to ask what Dr. King asked the world. ‘What are you doing for others?’” Loeffler said. One of Loeffler’s Democratic opponents in a November special election could be the Rev. Raphael Warnock, the current pastor at Ebenezer, which King and his father once led. Warnock, without mentioning Loeffler by name, said that honoring King means more than just voicing “lip service” on one weekend a year. “Everyone wants to be seen standing where Dr. King stood. That’s fine, you’re welcome,” said Warnock, who could soon announce a Senate run. “But if today you would stand in this holy place, where Dr. King stood, make sure, that come tomorrow, we’ll find you standing where Dr.

King stood.” Of King, Warnock said that “too many people like to remember him and dismember him at the same time” calling Georgia “ground zero for voter suppression” and citing the failure of the state’s Republican leadership to fully expand the Medicaid health insurance program. Others agreed with him, with keynote speaker Rev. Howard-John Wesley of Alexandria, Virginia, telling attendees that “we have lost the radicality” of King’s vision, talking about how King attacked the Vietnam War and the unequal American economy at the end of his career. Loeffler made no mention of Trump or the Senate impeachment trial, but Democratic U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson did, drawing applause when he mentioned impeachment and saying American democracy is “in grave danger.” “Our communities are once again finding themselves on the front lines of fighting to protect our very republic,” Johnson said. “And it can be easy, brothers and sisters, in moments like these to despair. But even in our darkest hours, the legacy of Dr. King is a hope that dawn will come.” Georgia’s Republican Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger gamely took the stage, seeking to build confidence that his office supports broad voter participation and that the state’s new voting machines will

guarantee a fair vote. Democrats led by former gubernatorial nominee Stacey Abrams have attacked his actions. “Every voter gets one vote. We all have a voice. We all count,” Raffensperger said. King’s daughter Bernice spoke about the King holiday becoming a day of service, “a day on, not a day off.” She said the holiday needs a broader vision. “A day on is not enough. What we need is a light on, committed to working vigilantly to build the beloved community,” she said. “A light on encompasses a commitment not just to service but to systemic change as well.” The same kind of wrestling over what King means in the present moment was taking place elsewhere, with Vice President Mike Pence speaking Sunday at a church service in Memphis, Tennessee. Pence spoke at the Holy City Church of God in Christ about King’s religion and how he “challenged the conscience of a nation to live up to our highest ideals by speaking to our common foundation of faith.” Acknowledging the nation’s divisions, Pence said that if Americans rededicate themselves to the ideals that King advanced while striving to open opportunities for everyone, “we’ll see our way through these divided times and we’ll do our part in our time to form a more perfect union.”

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.

— Proverbs 19:20

A defining moment for the rule of law

The impeachment of a president of the United States is an immensely powerful constitutional act. Donald Trump is only the third president in more than 230 years to face trial in the Senate after being impeached by the House of Representatives. The trial that begins in earnest next week could result in Trump becoming the first president to be dismissed from office. His two impeached predecessors – Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1999 – each escaped that outcome. Trump is likely to escape it too. Nevertheless, this is a hugely solemn moment for the republic. Most Americans rightly take it seriously.

It is easy, but wrong, to overlook this. Trump treats the impeachment and trial with everything but solemnity. He regards it as nothing more than a partisan witch-hunt. Like Clinton he will not attend the trial in person. Unlike Clinton he is likely to spend the next month raging against the process and insulting his accusers. But this does not mean the trial itself is trivial. The formality of the initial proceedings this week is appropriate. Even in polarised and partisan times, the American public should not dismiss it as trivial either.

The two charges – the articles of impeachment – against

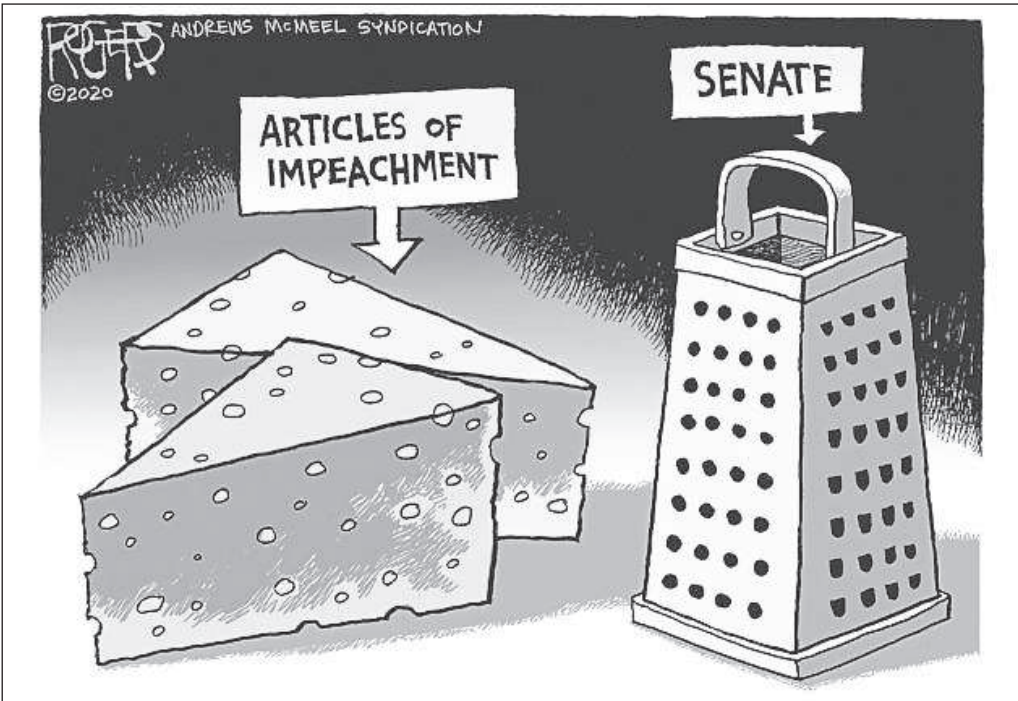
Trump are genuinely serious. The first says he “abused the powers of the presidency” by trying to get Ukraine to intervene in the 2020 election. He did this in three ways, the article states: by corruptly soliciting investigations by Ukraine that would assist his re-election; by corruptly withholding aid to Ukraine unless it cooperated; and by corruptly persisting with pressuring Ukraine afterwards for his own benefit. The article concludes that this makes Trump a threat to U.S. national security if he remains in office. All in all, it is very much the kind of conduct that the Congress’s power to impeach was designed to control.

The second article charges Trump with obstruction of Congress as it attempted to carry out its lawful power of impeachment. It says the obstruction involved defiance of subpoenas, and orders by Trump to government officials not to comply either. Such defiance of an impeachment process is, in principle, itself impeachable. It will be tested during the trial when the Senate votes on whether to call officials, such as the former national security adviser John Bolton, the acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and the Soviet-born US businessman Lev Parnas, as witnesses.

This will be a pivotal moment for America. If the Senate does not call the witnesses, it is in effect saying that Trump is above the law. That would be an extraordinary abdication of constitutional responsibility. The US upper house was originally created as a restraint on both the elected house and the president. It was there, the historian Robert Caro writes, as a check on “the possibilities for tyranny inherent in executive authority.” That is why the Senate has so many powers, including that of trying an impeachment. Yet the current Senate is a place of ruthless partisanship and irreconcilability, acting invariably on behalf of Trump.

This trial is therefore not just a defining moment for Trump and for the presidency. It is also a defining moment for the Senate itself. If the Senate votes on purely party lines to acquit and Trump is then re-elected, this would be an infamous outcome. The idea that a president can abuse his office for personal gain would be accepted. A new and lawless presidential legitimacy would be sanctioned. And the checks and balances of the US constitution would no longer exist and would need to be built afresh.

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Democratic officials have reason to hope for happy ending; the debate shows why

It wasn’t much of a donnybrook. It wasn’t even much of a food fight. At Tuesday night’s Democratic debate in Iowa, the candidates generally aimed their fire at President Trump rather than at each other – and left the Iowa caucuses, just weeks away, totally up for grabs.

When the evening began, former vice president Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., former South Bend, Indiana mayor Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., all had a shot at winning the first-in-the-nation primary contest, according to polls. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., was looking for a miracle. Billionaire Tom Steyer was doing whatever it is he’s doing. Nothing that happened during the debate seemed likely to send anyone soaring or tumbling.

I know, I know, you probably want an assessment of who won and who lost. All right, but only with the caveat that I didn’t see or hear anything game-changing.

Especially on the questions involving foreign policy, Biden sounded more like Statesman Joe than Grandpa Joe. All the candidates slammed Trump for pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal, but only Biden was able to claim that he helped to negotiate it. On the subject of North Korea, only Biden was able to boast that he had been called a “rabid dog” by dictator Kim Jong Un. He’s the national front-runner, so a steady performance for him is a victory.

Warren’s poll numbers have softened of late, but she was sharp as a tack Tuesday night. The run-up to the debate had featured a spat between her and Sanders over whether, at a private 2018 dinner between the two, Sanders opined that he did not believe a woman could win the 2020 election. Warren said he did; Sanders says he didn’t.

When Sanders repeated his denial onstage, Warren refused to bite. “I disagree,” she said, but “Bernie is my friend, and I’m not here to try to fight with Bernie.”

Warren then came out with perhaps the best line of the night. “Look at the men on this stage. Collectively, they have lost 10 elections,” she said. “The only people on this stage who have won every election that they’ve been in are the women, Amy and me.” The Massachusetts senator drew laughs and applause.

Sanders was also in good form. We know pretty much what he’s going to say at these debates, since he’s been saying it for 30 years. He did sound a bit defensive at times, but he accomplished something important for a 78-year-old presidential candidate who recently suffered a heart attack: He seemed vigorous, energetic and indefatigable.

Buttigieg, like Warren, was in search of lost mojo. He seemed to find at least some of it, largely thanks to the fact that so much of the debate was fought on the policy-wonk terrain where he is most comfortable. He seemed a bit less so, however, when pressed to explain his lack of support from African American voters. Saying he had been endorsed by “a mem-

ber of the Congressional Black Caucus” sounded ... thin.

Klobuchar, by my unofficial scorekeeping, was the candidate who most often exceeded her allotted time, generally trying to squeeze in three or four answers per question. Iowa is basically her only shot, and she’s taking it. She lost no opportunity to emphasize her roots in next-door Minnesota or to sing the virtues of salt-of-the-earth Iowans. “The Midwest is not flyover country for me; I live here,” she said.

Klobuchar lags in the polls. If she doesn’t somehow defy the odds and pull off an upset, she will almost surely have to drop out of the race. For better or worse, it showed.

Steyer is actually getting better as a debate performer. A recent poll showed him – with considerable help from a huge ad buy – in second place in South Carolina, so who knows? He doesn’t attack his rivals. He stares either piercingly or disconcertingly into the camera. And he won’t have to drop out until he gets tired of spending his money, of which he has plenty.

The Democratic Party’s dream is that at the end of the convention, as the balloons fall from the rafters, all empty-seven candidates who started the race can come onstage and join hands in unity against Trump. Tuesday’s debate didn’t change the race, but it did give Democratic officials reason to hope that the happy ending they seek might actually happen. These were not bitter rivals. They actually seemed to like each other.

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Tough questions demand good research

Important issues tend to be difficult, with deeply entrenched opinions and interests. They also attract the attention of media, political leaders, citizens and especially lobbyists. Recently, while explaining the results of two very contentious studies, I was asked who paid for them. That is a fair question, of course, which is why we put the name of the sponsoring organization on the study itself. But it also leads to other questions about the nature of university research – how and why we do what we do.

As a professor, I teach classes, but that is only part of my job. Most professors are also tasked with performing research. Research means different things in different disciplines, but the common feature is that it means discovering things that were previously unknown using the scientific method. I don’t know how most fields of study evaluate their research, but in economics we are judged on only two things; how important are the questions we ask, and how good is our analysis.

I work in an economics and public policy research center. We focus on studying public policy issues that are important to Hoosiers and hopefully to citizens of other states. Importantly, you’ll not hear me refer to the Center for Business and Economic Research as “my Center.” It is not my Center; it belongs to the taxpayers of Indiana who created it 50 years ago.

Over the past half century, we’ve studied lots of issues that impact Hoosiers. In the past decade alone, we’ve done studies on Right-to-Work, school choice, local government consolidation, trade and automation job losses, tax incentives, hospital monopolies and property tax caps. We are surely not afraid to ask tough questions and answer them publicly. As researchers at a public university, that is what we get paid to do.

Nearly all our research involves data, or raw numbers, mostly collected by federal or state governments. The types of questions we ask are straightforward, such as how much would a tax cut change employment and investment in a county. Often, we write math models in computer code to measure the size of these effects. Those answers form the basis of our advice about the effect of a particular policy. Many folks will have an opinion on something like this, but in my experience there’s no quicker way to appear foolish than to opine on empirical matters.

All these things cost money, and we are often paid to do this work. While many of our studies are performed without outside funding, neither I, nor any of my staff, are paid directly for any of the studies we perform. When we are funded, we hire students and pay their tuition, and buy books, faster computers, data and software. A big chunk of whatever money we earn, often half, goes back to the University to pay for our library, head offices and the myriad other things that keep the school running.

The Center is not a consulting firm. There is nothing wrong with economic consultants. Still, the difference is that a consultancy will answer the questions it is asked, while a university center will insist on choosing the questions we ask and the method for answering them.

This often means foregoing funding from a particular group, but it isn’t because of the reputation of the funder. We turn down more studies than we accept, simply because the question isn’t important enough, we are too busy or we don’t have enough data to answer the questions.

I believe the work we do is important. The more I see of public policy making, the more I am convinced we need better research. We also need citizens and elected officials to read and study these issues. Too often, policymakers learn about issues only from opposing interest groups who work on emotions rather than facts. That rarely serves taxpayers well. I don’t mean to suggest that economists should rule the world, but as John Adams said, “Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.”

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HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2020. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners whose states had seceded from the Union resigned from the U.S. Senate.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who proclaimed his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1976, British Airways and Air France inaugurated scheduled passenger service on the supersonic Concorde jet.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 2003, the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America’s largest minority group.

Michael Hicks



Business

Indiana Chamber seeks nominations for human resources award

56th Annual Indiana HR Conference set for May 5 to 7 at The Westin Indianapolis

By STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2020 Ogletree Deakins Human Resources Professional of the Year Award, which will be presented at the 56th Annual Indiana HR Conference on May 5-7 at The Westin Indianapolis, according to a press release. The award recognizes in-

dividuals who have made significant contributions to their work over the past year through the implementation of best practices, organization design and effectiveness, as well as alignment of the strategic direction of the company. The candidate should also have a proven track record of giving back to the community and the human resources profession. Nominations by a peer, subordinate, supervisor or other person are accepted, in addition to self-nominations. All submissions must be accompanied by a spon-

sorship letter from the proposed honoree's organization. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 14. Make submissions at www.indianachamber.com/hrpro/, with direct questions to Jesse Brothers via email at jbrothers@indianachamber.com. Kania Lottie earned the 2019 honor for her efforts on behalf of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis. View a complete list of previous award winners at indianahrconf.com/past-award-winners/.

Yes, you should snitch on someone who brags that they cheat on their taxes

In my house, ABC's "What Would You Do?" is must-see TV.

It is a hidden-camera show that looks at how people react when presented with certain situations. For example, upon noticing someone is stealing items at an open house, would

you seek out the real estate agent and report the thief?

During a recent online discussion, a reader presented a situation that would be perfect for the program.

"I have a co-worker and friend whose money practices drive me insane," the reader wrote. "He spends every penny, and mocks me for being frugal. Now he's telling me all of the sketchy purchases that he deducts on his taxes, claiming they are work expenses. This includes restaurant meals during the workday ('we talked about work!') and clothing bought for a presentation at work. I want to report him to the IRS."

Indeed, IRS Publication 529 explicitly says "lunches with co-workers" is a non-deductible expense.

So, should this person snitch?

OK, the word "snitch" isn't fair, because it insinuates that the informant trying to do the right thing is, in fact, wrong. It's better to characterize the person as a whistleblower.

If you suspect or know of an individual or business that is falsifying exemptions, deductions or, for that matter, not reporting income, you can file IRS Form 3949-A. You can find the form at irs.gov or order it by phone at 800-829-0433. Although you have the option of writing a letter to the IRS, using the form is usually best, according to IRS spokesman

Eric Smith.

"Provide as much information as you can about the person, what you believe they did and how you know what they did," Smith said. "The same is true if the suspected violations involve a business."

Smith said that – although you're not required to do so – it's helpful to provide your name and address. "We keep information about anyone who provides information confidential," he said.

The agency will not share it with the person or business you are reporting.

Americans overwhelmingly say that it is not acceptable to cheat on your taxes (85 percent) and that everyone who cheats should be held accountable (90 percent), according to a 2018 IRS survey.

It's important to note that the co-worker is in fact cheating if he is claiming deductions he knows he's not entitled to take. However, tax rules are complicated and can leave room for interpretation.

In general, taxpayers can deduct 50 percent of the cost of business meals if certain criteria are met. The meals can't be lavish or extravagant and they must occur in the course of conducting business, according to Susan Allen, senior manager for Tax Practice & Ethics for the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants.

"So if you're having a meeting with a potential client, that might meet the threshold," Allen said. "If you're going to lunch with a co-worker and just talking about your workday, that likely would not meet the threshold."

Employees can no longer deduct certain out-of-pocket costs thanks to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which put an end to a number of unreimbursed job expenses (except for taxpayers who

fall under a special category, such as Armed Forces reservists).

Prior to the act's passage, employees could deduct the cost of clothes for work, but only if they were mandatory – such as uniforms or protective clothing like a hardhat or work boots.

If the clothing could have been worn outside of work – like a business suit or dress – you weren't allowed to deduct the expense because it was considered everyday wear.

In this reader's case, there's not enough specific information to file a report. The concerned co-worker couldn't provide a lot of the details asked for on the IRS referral form.

"Unfortunately, many of the tips we receive are not that useful," Smith said. "But good information from people in the know really can make a difference. That's why it's so worthwhile that anyone submitting an informant report be as specific and complete as possible."

If you have concrete evidence about a tax cheat, inform the IRS. Fraud impacts us all. For instance, shoplifters aren't just hurting the bottom line of businesses. When they steal, prices rise for all customers, and that makes the stealing your business. The same with tax cheats.

Just as a reminder, every taxpayer signs their tax return under penalties of perjury, points out Miklos Ringbauer, a certified public accountant based in Los Angeles.

You may not have enough information for a whistleblower complaint, but you don't have to stay silent when someone is bragging about sketchy or fraudulent tax deductions.

Tax evasion is unfair to the vast majority of taxpayers who – whether they like it or not – pay what they owe.



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PRESSES: Wabash MPI and Carver will highlight their full line of hydraulic and pneumatic presses for the composites industry in the USA pavilion at JEC World, the leading international composites show.

Wabash MPI and Carver to exhibit at international composites show

JEC World will take place from March 3 to 5 in Paris

By STAFF REPORT

Wabash MPI and Carver will highlight their full line of hydraulic and pneumatic presses for the composites industry in the USA pavilion at JEC World, the leading international composites show, according to a press release.

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DO JUST ONE THING

By DANNY SEO

Did you know most water heaters are automatically set to 140 degrees when installed in homes? Not only is that too hot – water at that temperature causes third-degree

burns in just six seconds – but it's also a waste of energy. One easy thing you can do is to lower your default water heater setting to 120 degrees, which will still give you water hot enough for everyday use

that won't accidentally scald you, and this one simple step can reduce your overall water heating costs by up to 6 percent to 10 percent over time, saving energy and major dollars.

Huawei exec extradition hearing begins in Vancouver courtroom

By JIM MORRIS and ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The first stage of an extradition hearing for a senior executive of Chinese tech giant Huawei started in a Vancouver courtroom Monday, a case that has infuriated Beijing, caused a diplomatic uproar between China and Canada and complicated

high-stakes trade talks between China and the United States.

Canada's arrest of chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou, the daughter of Huawei's legendary founder, in late 2018 at America's request enraged Beijing to the point it detained two Canadians in apparent retaliation.

Huawei represents China's progress in becoming a technological power and has

been a subject of U.S. security concerns for years. Beijing views Meng's case as an attempt to contain China's rise.

"Our government has been clear. We are a rule of law country and we honor our extradition treaty commitments," Canadian Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said at a cabinet retreat in Manitoba. "It is what we need to do and what we will do."

Tax season 2020: Here's where you can get your tax return prepared for free

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

TurboTax has launched a humorous commercial to drum up business for its do-it-yourself software.

In the ad, a guy is riding a mechanical bull – standing up. A young student at a science fair builds an impressive exploding mega volcano. An astronaut easily brushes his teeth – in zero gravity. An artist uses a chainsaw to create an incredible sculpture.

"In fact, people are always doing impressive things," the woman in the voiceover says. "So how come all these people who do wildly challenging things every day feel like they can't do their taxes?"

For the 2020 tax season, the Intuit company, which produces TurboTax, wants us to believe that "all people are tax people."

Whether you're confident enough to do your taxes yourself or not, check the following resources to see if you qualify to get your taxes prepared for free.

United Way: The nonprofit offers MyFreeTaxes.com in partnership with H&R Block. You can file both your federal and state returns for free. For the first time this year, there is no income limit. MyFreeTaxes will be offering filing support via phone and online chats in English and Spanish.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): This IRS-run program offers free tax preparation to folks who make \$56,000 or less, those who are disabled, or taxpayers who speak limited or no English.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE): Despite the title, assistance is offered to low- and moderate-income taxpayers, not just the elderly. TCE specializes in addressing retirement and pension-related issues.

To find a VITA or TCE site near you, call 800-906-9887.

You can also look for a site near you at irs.gov. Search for "Find a Location for Free Tax Help." Most sites don't open until around the end of January.

At some locations, you can prepare your own basic federal and state tax return for free using tax-preparation software. An IRS-certified volunteer can help guide you through the process, but this service is only available at locations that say "Self-Prep."

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide: A majority of the TCE sites are operated by this program. Volunteers are trained and are IRS-certified each year to ensure they understand the latest tax-code changes. There's no age requirement to get tax assistance. To locate the nearest Tax-Aide site, go to aarp.org/findtaxhelp or call 888-227-7669. The majority of the sites will open on or around Feb. 1.

MiITax: The Defense Department through Military OneSource offers free e-filing software to service members and their families, allowing them to file their federal and state tax forms. MiITax consultants are also available for in-person support at VITA locations.

MiITax provides assistance for tax situations that are specific to military life, such as reporting deployment and combat pay. Go to MilitaryOneSource.mil or call 800-342-9647 for more information.

IRS Free File: This is a partnership between the agency and the Free File Alliance, a group of private preparers who have agreed to make their federal tax-return products available free to taxpayers whose adjusted gross income was \$69,000 or less in 2019. To search for companies offering Free File, go to irs.gov/freefile. Before settling on one com-

pany, check to see if you can also file your state return for free. Some companies will prepare your state return and e-file it at no cost through partnerships with participating state programs.

If your income is more than \$69,000, you can use the Free File Fillable Forms, which are the electronic versions of IRS paper forms. When using the free fill-in forms, keep in mind they don't come with the brand-name software assistance available through Free File.

New for tax season is an agreement between the IRS and companies participating in the Free File program that they won't steer taxpayers to commercial products that cost money. If you're searching for this program, be sure to look for language that says, "IRS Free File Program delivered by (company name or product name)."

You may see some free offerings from major tax-preparation companies, but before you use the service, doublecheck that you won't be charged.

Despite Intuit's confidence that everyone is a tax person, the reality is that even with the best preparation software, doing your own taxes can be as intimidating as riding a mechanical bull. So, take advantage of all the help you can get, especially if it's free.

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Indiana paramedic buys sensory bags for kids with autism

By **MARY FREDA**
The Times

CROWN POINT — A few months ago, Matt Kodicek saw a Facebook post about firefighter paramedic Eric Henry in Springboro, Ohio. The Clearcreek Fire District firefighter brought sensory bags to the department to help respond to calls where there are children who have autism, a cause close to Henry because his sister is on the spectrum. When Kodicek saw the post, he thought of his son, Ben, who also is on the spectrum. Once he saw Henry’s post, he knew he wanted to bring something similar to Crown Point Fire Rescue — thus, Ben’s Blue Bags was born. The sensory bags are named after 5-year-old Ben, whose favorite color is blue. Each bag includes headphones, a dry erase board with a feelings chart, fidget spinners and various sensory toys. “I’ve had car accidents where a parent might be in-

volved and the parent is the driver, and they need to be checked out and the child is fine,” he said. “I’ve had a couple calls in the last year where I’ve had a child that is autistic and needed something that maybe calmed them down or helped them through it because you’re taking their caregiver away to treat them.” Each kit costs around \$85 to put together, but Crown Point Fire Rescue didn’t have to pay for its four bags because an anonymous donor gave the department the bags. The kits, he said, not only help children on the spectrum, but can help with adults on the spectrum and children patients in general. While first responders usually have stuffed animals on the ambulance to help comfort children, Kodicek said they don’t always work for everyone. “It’s (a stuffed animal) not always going to calm them down ... or they’re just going to toss it,” Kodicek said. “Sometimes

it’s this distraction of a fidget spinner or just squeezing this or even the marble thing just back and forth is enough to calm them down.” Not only does the bag help calm children down, it allows emergency medical technicians to provide better services, he said. “We can provide better patient care because we’re not so focused on just calming them down,” he said. As a parent, it brings him comfort knowing first responders are adapting their care and becoming aware of patients with autism. “Until you have a child, or relative or somebody who has it, you really don’t understand what it is,” he said. “Everyone in EMS had to do ... an autism in-service about a year ago, and they just kind of talked about autism but until you really understand what’s going on with it, until you live it, you don’t really understand it.” According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 59 children are on

the autism spectrum. “It seems like everyone I talked to — my friends and co-workers in the other agencies — have a child in their area that seems to have autism that they’re called for,” Kodicek said. Ben’s Blue Bags will soon be available to other area departments, too. Before putting the kits on the ambulance, Kodicek had to present the kit to EMS Director Rob Dowling. Dowling told Kodicek Franciscan Health had leftover grant money, which it would use to provide kits for other ambulances in the Franciscan network. Kodicek said he has sent emails out to Valparaiso, Schererville, St. John, Cedar Lake, Lowell and Newton County agencies to pique their interest. “Crown Point’s leading the way. This is brand new (to) Lake County,” Crown Point Fire Chief Dave Crane said. “We’re the first service to have this type of stuff on our ambulances.”

Areas in 2 Ind. parks receive designation for rare tree species

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — Portions of two Indiana parks are getting a special designation because of a rare tree species. Areas in Brown County State Park and Yellowwood State Forest will be considered high conservation value forest areas in an effort to preserve the yellowwood tree population, The Herald Times reported. The Forest Stewardship Council’s certification is a way to ensure that 591 acres (239 hectares) where the trees are growing are managed so they remain part of the landscape, said Mike Spalding, resource specialist with Monroe-Monroe and Yellowwood state forests. Civilian Conservation Corps workers in Brown County State Park first discovered the trees in 1933. Forester T.E. Shaw and Charles Deam, Indiana’s first state forester, verified and documented the discovery.

One theory was the yellowwood trees were brought north by Kentucky settlers, but that was proven false when the trees were analyzed. The results showed the trees were genetically distinct and had been in the area for thousands of years. The high conservation value designation means management now will be driven by the yellowwood trees, said Allen Pursell, director of forest conservation for Indiana with The Nature Conservancy. “Protection and conservation of the yellowwood trees will take priority,” he added. Spalding doesn’t know how many yellowwood trees are currently growing in Brown County State Park, but he estimated there are less than 1,000 in the forest. Pursell speculates that caring for today’s yellowwood trees might expand their hold in Indiana by providing habitat where the trees can flourish.

PULSE

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Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 22

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Experience the ‘Silence of a Winter’s Night’

Enjoy the “Silence of a Winter’s Night” from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynnanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Pastor to be honored for 15 years of service

Pastor Robert Rensberger began his service as pastor of the Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St. on Jan. 1, 2005 and the congregation will honor his 15 years of service during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Jan. 26, with Pastor David Phillips as the guest speaker.

‘Sanctity of Life’ event planned

Cheryl Meyer, executive director of LIFE Center, and Jeni Friedersdorf, client service manager, will be “sharing on the Sanctity of Life” at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 at Victory Christian Fellowship, 112 W. Main St. For more information, call 260-982-8357.

Manchester University plans Spring Convocation

The Spring Convocation is at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, the first day of classes, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Wabash County Museum to host PBS screening about ‘Polar Extremes’

A free preview screening of the upcoming “NOVA” special, “Polar Extremes” is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org and click on Events, or call 260-563-9070.

Wabash Tri Kappa to sponsor 14th Annual Winter Gala

The gala will take place Saturday, Feb. 1, at Heartland REMC, 250 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at

6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Tuesday, Jan. 28. Tickets may be purchased from Tri Kappa Members or at the following locations: Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.; Friermood Tire & Alignment, 1699 Stitt St.; and the dental office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-563-1128.

February Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynnanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

United Methodist Church plans community dinner

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot. Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit www.bachelorcreek.com.

Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at <https://wabashin.spotter.eventzilla.net>. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

Honeywell Foundation’s annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or to Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239

Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with

lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rov-elstad at 260- 330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annu-

al Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at tmreed@manchester.edu. Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit.

Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email. Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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Rich brothers lead Knights past Whitko

Southwood's boys' basketball team outlasted Whitko on the road on Friday, 63-60. Carson Rich had 18 points and Connor Rich 12 as the Knights outscored the Wildcats 30-24 in the first half before hanging on in the second half.

Southwood blows out Wildcats

After opening up a 14-1 lead in the first quarter, the Southwood girls' basketball team cruised to a dominant 49-19 win over Whitko on the road on Saturday afternoon. MaKenna Pace tallied 16 points and eight steals in the win.

Norse earn weekend sweep

The Northfield boys' basketball team earned two wins in as many days over the weekend. On Friday, the Norse shot 54 percent from the field to earn a 71-65 win at home against North Miami. Clayton Tomlinson had 17 points and nine assists.

On Saturday, the Norse outlasted Eastbrook on the road to win 55-52. Tomlinson had 16 points, seven steals and five assists.

Northfield upset by Warriors

The Northfield girls' basketball team fell behind early at home on Friday against North Miami and could never come back, falling to the Warriors 46-45. Bailey Keim had 27 points for North Miami while Addi Baker had 18 points and eight rebounds.

MLB, union: \$3M to domestic violence, mental health programs

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball and the players' union announced a \$3 million grant program Thursday to support organizations that advocate for positive mental health, relationship skills and survivors of domestic violence.

U.S.-based nonprofit and global non-governmental organizations can apply over the next two years for grants up to \$50,000. MLB team charities and big league players can apply for up to \$25,000 in a gift-matching component of the program.

Submit your news

The *Plain Dealer* is accepting all news, varsity, junior varsity, middle school, elementary school and non-school affiliated recreational sports. To get a brief in the newspaper, please provide final score and any highlights pertaining to the event, including first and last names of participants. Reports must be received by 3 p.m. to make it in the following day's edition. Items may be:

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Squires dominate Apaches in home win

By JACOB RUDE
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NORTH MANCHESTER — The Manchester girls' basketball team is steadily learning and Saturday was the latest example of that fact.

On Wednesday, the Squires used a big second-quarter run to take a halftime lead against Peru before seeing that lead evaporate in a loss. On Saturday at home against Wabash, they again used a second-quarter run before hanging on to that lead in the second half for a 48-35 win.

"It's a huge confidence (boost) for us," Squire head coach Josh Troyer said. "A sectional opponent, a really quality opponent, that has two bigs, has a shooter and I thought we did fantastic inside. Our guards did a great job executing the scouting report as well. We had different girls hit shots at different times. I'm just really proud of every one of our guards that went into there tonight."

The Apaches struggled for the entire first half and, by head coach Matt Stone's own admission, was arguably their worst half of the season.

"I don't know that we've ever been outrebounded 20 to nine in a half or given up 12 offensive rebounds in a half," he said. "The turnovers are kind of a common theme so those we see and then we just couldn't throw it in (the basket). So, next thing you know we're down 12 at halftime and we just got ourselves in too big of a hole that this team is not equipped to get themselves

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Manchester's Emma Garriott (left) shoots a layup against Wabash's Rylee Yoakum (right) during the second half of Saturday's game.

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Wabash grinds out win over Squires

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Friday night's showdown between Wabash and Manchester's boys' basketball teams hardly resembled the one that played out in the Wabash County Tournament finals. The main similarity, though, was the winner.

The Squires put up a far more valiant fight than the one in its 80-45 loss three weeks ago. But the result was all the same as the Apaches gutted out a 46-40 win to remain unbeaten in the Three Rivers Conference (TRC).

"We knew that Manchester was going to do some different things tonight," Wabash head coach Paul Wright said. "They slowed it down a little bit. I thought we did a pretty good job of keeping their guards out of the paint because they're really good. We didn't do as well as we did in the County Tourney but we did good enough. But they really cut the possessions. In the County Tourney, we were able to get out and run a little bit. They really slowed it down."

"I told the guys they have to be positive. I don't know how many people would think we would win a 46-40 game. We know this conference is hard. We know every game is going to be a battle. We weren't too surprised how this game went tonight as coaches."

With a week to prepare for the contest rather than 20 hours like the last meeting, the Squires played at a far more deliberate pace on the night and the results were far more positive.

"The County Tourney was one of those games...where it's just a snowball effect," Squire head coach Mark Underwood said. "It just seemed



Wabash's Trenton Daughtry glides to the rim for a layup in the first quarter of Friday's game against Manchester.

BY JACOB RUDE/sports@wabashplaindealer.com

everything they did was good and it just kept building on that. For us, it was the opposite. We just couldn't seem to get anything going. I don't think the guys had the fight in them that they had tonight or the confidence. I'm really pleased with the improvement."

"We made a lot of changes for tonight's game. We did a lot of different things we haven't done all year. This time, we had a full week

to practice for them, full week to prepare for them, full week to watch film, full week to put in new stuff. I think we saw a lot of things tonight we can build on as we move forward."

Many of the Squires' changes were rendered useless by Trenton Daughtry in the first quarter. The senior guard scored all 14 of Wabash's points including the final 10 points of the frame to give Wabash a 14-8 lead

after one. The first basket from an Apache not named Daughtry came with 6:14 left in the second period on a three-pointer from Joe Leland.

The rest of the Apaches chipped in during the second period as the lead grew to nine points for the hosts. But the Squires scored the final two baskets of the half, field goals from Austin Underwood and Weston Hamby, to cut the deficit down to just 24-19 at the break.

Bigger than any made basket in the third period, though, was the fact the Squires drew third fouls on Elijah Vander Velden 30 seconds into the second half and Dereck Vogel just over 90 seconds later. After a 21-point, 18-rebound effort in the first meeting of the year, Vander Velden was limited to just two points and four rebounds.

"I think Kreedon Krull did a very good job on him defensively," Underwood said. "But I think we made it more of an effort to be a team situation. You'll notice when he did get the ball in there, there were usually two, maybe three jerseys surrounding him. We knew we may give up some kick-outs for outside shots but he's pretty much money if you let him have it in there and don't give him a hard time."

The Squires used the Apaches' foul trouble to launch an 8-0 run to tie the game for the first time since the first quarter with buckets from Max Carter, Kreedon Krull, Hamby and Thane Creager.

After a timeout, though, Wabash regained its footing as Leland and Jared Holley restored Wabash's lead with six points to close out the

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MLB

Astros, Red Sox look ahead in wake of sign-stealing scandal

By KRISTIE RIEKEN and JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writers

NEW YORK — Players from two teams at the center of baseball's sign-stealing scandal faced their fans on Saturday for the first time since the Houston Astros and Boston Red Sox ousted their managers amid the fallout from the investigation into Houston's elaborate scheme.

The Astros and Red Sox held their annual fan fests on Saturday, and instead of discussing preparations for the season, players from both teams were left to answer questions about the cheating that resulted in both teams' managers being fired.

"It's a tough situation and as a team we have to stay together and go through this as a team like we've been doing, always," Houston star second baseman José Altuve said. "We have to talk about it at spring training and try not to let things in the past distract us for for next year."

Houston manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were suspended for a year by MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred on Monday after he found illicit use of electronics to steal signs during the Astros' run to the 2017 World Series championship and again in the 2018 season. Team owner Jim Crane then fired both Hinch and Luhnow. Manager Alex Cora left the Red Sox on Tuesday after Manfred's report identified him as the ringleader of the sign-stealing scheme when he was the bench coach for the Astros in 2017.

Many Red Sox players talked Saturday about how much they liked and valued Cora and hated to see him go.

"I'm heartbroken about it," Boston designated hitter J.D. Martinez said. "I understood his side of it. He definitely didn't want to be a distraction. He was one of my favorite, if not my favorite, managers I've had."

The Astros were fined \$5 million, which is the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, and must forfeit their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

The investigation found that the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to see and decode the opposing catcher's signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming, believing it would improve the batter's chances of getting a hit.

MLB is also looking into whether Cora installed a similar system in Boston after arriving the following year, when the Red Sox won the World Series. No conclusions have been reached and there is no timetable; the Astros investigation took two months.

Martinez hopes MLB wraps up the investigation into the Red Sox soon so they can put this behind them.

"I'm excited for the investigation to get over with, so they can see there's nothing going on here," he said.

While the Astros were meeting with fans in Houston, Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Randal Grichuk called for MLB take away

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Man’s low ambition casts shadow on couple’s future

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a great guy for a year and a half. He’s funny, smart, and when he comes to my house, he washes my dishes and plays with my son. He is attentive, and he cooks for me. He is always buying me little things like a desk coffee heater because he knows I love hot coffee, or smart bulbs that create cool colors in the living room. He’s a super fun guy, and he often leaves sweet little notes around the house for me.

The downside is, he has zero ambition, zero motivation and no life goals. We are in our early 30s, and I’m a professional with my own home. He lives in a small room in a house with two housemates. His job pays very little, but although he has few responsibilities, he has been very slow to look for other jobs.

Abby, I have talked to him about our future. We both want to be together, but I told him I am not going to support him. We want to move in together, but he needs to be more financially stable. He needs to be my equal.

When we spoke, he agreed with me and the fact that he can do better. He promised he would be looking, but I have been waiting months to see a change in him and – nothing. Should I wait for him? Should I talk to him again? I want so much more, and I am not sure he can deliver. I don’t want to stay just because my son loves him so much. What should I do? – Hopelessly Vexed

DEAR HOPELESSLY: I understand your position. You seem to want the whole package, and from what you have written, this person is not it. You should not have to support him, and he shouldn’t expect it.

It appears that while the two of you care for each other, he simply cannot summon up the motivation to make the effort to better himself financially. Could you accept this in the long run? Is the status quo what you want forever? Bear in mind, if this man moves in, it will prevent you from finding a partner who is your equal in all ways.

DEAR ABBY: My son got married eight months ago. I recently found out he and his wife haven’t sent thank-you notes to anyone. Some of our friends and family took time off work, traveled across the country, spent a lot of money on airfare, hotels, meals, as well as wedding gifts. I am mortified.

Abby, there were only 60 guests, so there were fewer than 30 thank-you notes to send. When I asked my son about it last week, he said they hadn’t sent them because so much time had passed and it was too late. I told him it was inexcusable, and they need to get those notes written now because this is definitely a case of better late than never.

If they don’t do it within the next week, I intend to contact my friends and family and thank them myself and apologize for their rudeness. My son was not raised to be ungrateful and rude. What do you think? – Furious In Arizona

DEAR FURIOUS: What you have in mind may be well-intentioned, but it won’t make up for your son and daughter-in-law’s lack of courtesy. If they fail to contact the guests who made such an effort to attend their wedding, do not speak up on their behalf because it will only make them look worse.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



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ACROSS

- 1 Mogul
- 5 Chatter in-discreetly
- 9 Novelist — Levin
- 12 Homer’s daughter
- 13 After-bath wear
- 14 Mongrel
- 15 Pharaoh’s god
- 16 Right of passage, e.g.
- 18 Chart
- 20 Roly-poly
- 21 Cartoon shriek
- 22 Donne’s “done”
- 23 University features
- 26 Scrape
- 29 RN’s specialty
- 30 Burrito alternative
- 32 Pumice source
- 34 Cut
- 36 Navajo foes
- 38 Pioneered
- 39 Proverbs
- 41 Tresses
- 43 Close companion

- 44 Quirk
- 45 Go biking
- 48 Perplexed
- 52 Colt parent
- 54 Spillane’s — Hammer
- 55 Sow’s pen
- 56 Chances
- 57 Delightful place
- 58 Way of Lao-tzu
- 59 Work as a model
- 60 Plover’s dwelling

DOWN

- 1 Dressed
- 2 Rigatoni kin
- 3 Aboard ship
- 4 Wandered freely
- 5 Fracture
- 6 Crumbly soil
- 7 Tummy muscles
- 8 Paging device
- 9 Put in the cooler
- 10 Pealed
- 11 Bohemian
- 17 Wall decoration

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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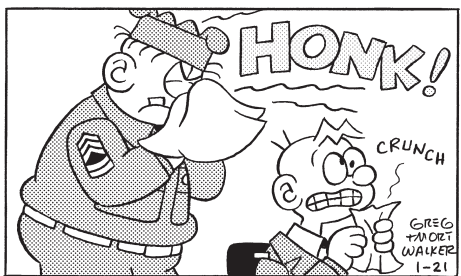
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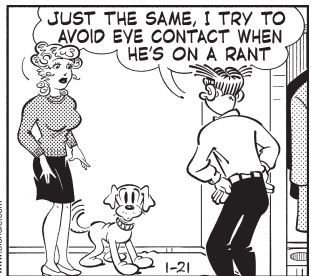
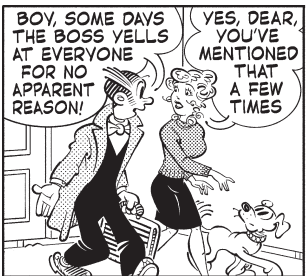


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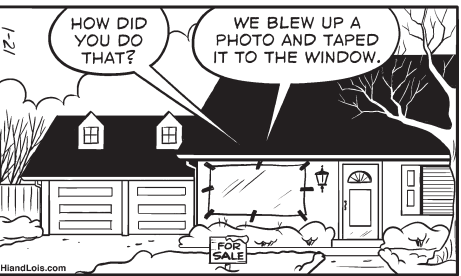
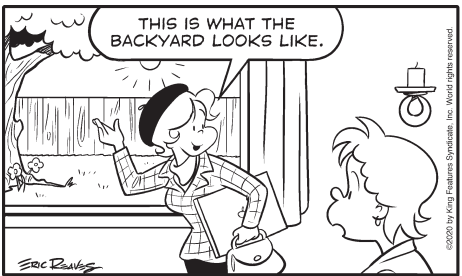
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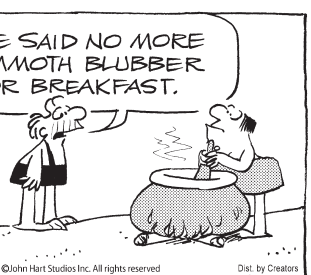
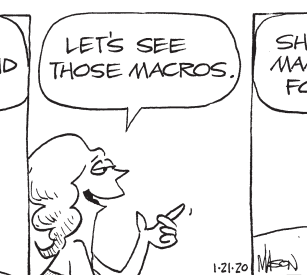
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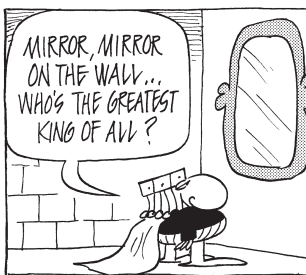
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-20-0005-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement, Miami St. Entrance, 79 W. Main Street, Wabash, IN
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$80,788.48

Cause No. 85D01-1904-MF-000245
Plaintiff: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Defendant: Christopher M. Jagger

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Wabash Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at 79 West Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN WABASH COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA: PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP THIRTY (30) NORTH, RANGE SEVEN (7) EAST, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT (828) FEET ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTER-LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY #13; THENCE WEST FORTY (40) FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY; ALSO THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE WEST TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE EAST TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDREDTHS (0.57) OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, IN WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA.

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Parcel No. 85-03-21-200-011.000-001

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Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County
By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant
Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Chester
Common street address of property: 14576 N State Road 13, North Manchester, IN 46962-8626
Property Tax ID: 85-03-21-200-011.000-001

Attorney: BRYAN K. REDMOND
Attorney Number: 22108-29
Law Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy, P.C.
Contact Number: (317) 237-2727
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-20-0007-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement, Miami St. Entrance, 79 W Main Street, Wabash, IN
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$13,783.77

Cause No. 85D01-1906-MF-000540
Plaintiff: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Defendant: Richard L. Smith, A&A Investments/Rentals, Richard Alan Smith, Lou Ann Elshire, Donald Gene Stevens III and Alexandra Nicole Stevens

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Wabash Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at the 79 West Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

The East Forty-seven (47) feet of Lot Number One Hundred twenty-four (124) in Ross Heights Addition to the City of Wabash.

Commonly Known as: 85 GRANT ST., WABASH, IN 46992-1206

Parcel No. 85-14-02-302-094.000-009

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County
By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant
Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Noble
Common street address of property: 85 Grant St, Wabash, IN 46992-1206
Property Tax ID: 85-14-02-302-094.000-009

Attorney: BARRY T. BARNES
Attorney Number: 19657-49
Law Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy, P.C.
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff Sale File number: 85-20-0003-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:00 am Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Stree Judgment to be Satisfied: \$12,928,212.46 Cause Number: 85D01-1903-MI-000234 Plaintiff: PREMIER TRUST, INC., IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF THE RICHARD I. AND BETTE J. SPIECE TRUST Defendant: THOMAS G. SPIECE and RICHARD I. SPIECE SALES CO., INC. By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: Lot Number Ten (10) in Valley Brook West Addition to the City of Wabash, as recorded on page 15 of Plat Book #6 in the office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana, subject to easements and maintenance agreement of record. Commonly Known as: 515 CROWN HILL DRIVE, WABASH, IN 46992 Parcel No. 85-14-10-103-011.000-008 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners. * An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs. Kevin J. Mitchell, Plaintiff's Attorney Attorney No. Faegre Baker Daniels 600 E. 96th Street Suite 600 Indianapolis, IN 46240 (260) 424-8000 Ryan Baker, Sheriff By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant Phone: (260) 563-8891 Noble Township The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein. PLEASE SERVE: RICHARD I. SPIECE SALES CO., INC. 515 CROWN HILL DRIVE WABASH, IN 46992 C/O THOMASTHOMAS G. SPIECE 515 CROWN HILL DRIVE WABASH, IN 46992 HSPAXLP 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/2020

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